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SBC'S PRESIDENT AND FIRST LADY—Jaroy and Nettie Weber of Lubbock, Tex., will wind up two years of packed travel and business schedules when his term of office expires this month.

Jaroy Weber Reflects On Two Years As President Of Southern Convention

By Toby Drum
LUBBOCK, Tex. (BP) — Jaroy Weber winds up two years as president of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) in Norfolk in June.

Those two years have seen him travel almost a quarter of a million miles, make more than 100 addresses as Southern Baptists' highest elected officer — more than one a week — and through it, he says, gain a deepened appreciation for the denomination, its people, churches, and pastors.

"I am more proud of Southern Baptists than before I became president," Weber said in his office here, where he is pastor of the First Baptist Church. "My contact with Southern Baptist lead-

ership, both in the denomination and in the structure and in the pastorate, has made me more confident in the ability and commitment of these leaders than I have ever been before.

The general attitude of our leadership, the philosophy of the pastors in trying to make the churches biblical and evangelistic, and the overall atmosphere of all the meetings I have attended is progressive, hopeful, and optimistic about what we are trying to do," he said.

Reflecting on his tenure and the insight it has given him, the stocky pastor who described himself at his election two years ago as a "conservative Bible-believing preacher," said convention

unity in the last few years and success in increased giving and enrollment is due to a return to "theological conservatism."

He also commented on a variety of other subjects, including the charismatic movement, qualifications a person should have before election as convention president, the role of the SBC Pastors' Conference, requirements for convention affiliation, and the invitation to President Gerald Ford to speak to the convention.

Weber was elected president of the convention in Dallas in 1974 and reelected to a second one-year term last year in Miami Beach. He is not eligible for reelection in Norfolk.

His presidency has been a busy

one. The first year he logged more than 101,000 miles in convention travel; and in the past year he has added another 115,240 miles and 82 speaking engagements, including a trip to the Baptist World Alliance in Stockholm. He is proud that in spite of the demands on his time, only four times during the last year will he have been out of his pulpit on Sunday.

"My staff has done a marvelous job of filling in for me when I have had to be gone," he said. "They deserve a lot of credit for the success the church has achieved over the last year." Weber became convention president only a few months after as-

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Summer Missionaries List Exceeds 1,300

Atlanta — More than 1,300 college students will be student missionaries this year, said Emery Smith of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's department of special mission ministries.

"This number includes 630 HMB-sponsored students whose expenses and stipends will be paid directly from Annie Armstrong Easter Offering funds," said Smith. The others are sponsored by Baptist Student Unions and by associations and state missions departments.

"This will be a summer of preparation for the Bold Mission Thrust," said Smith, referring to the two-year evangelism and church starting emphasis of the HMB and the Southern Baptist Convention.

"So many of the students will be involved in survey and cultivative ministries particularly in pioneer areas of the convention."

"Plus we have a number of students assigned to special projects that have a bi-centennial emphasis, including a puppet team in Washington, D. C., and a musical drama team on the west coast."

Other special projects include work on backpacking treks chaplaincy work at a state police boys' camp, and ministering in apartment complexes.

Student summer missionaries work for ten weeks in mission projects, usually working under the supervision of a home missionary.

Home Mission Board, summer

missionaries from Mississippi are as follows:

Aldrich, Vivian Carol, Florence, Northern Plains; Ball, Donald Ray, Jr., Jones County Jr. College, Ellisville, Laurel, Northern Plains; Ball, Jerry Wayne, Hinds Jr. College, Raymond, Vicksburg, Pennsylvania; Blair, Charles Edward, Alcorn State Univ., Lorman, Canton, New England; Bollinger, Ruth Ann, Northwest

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Are Home Board Sojourners

ATLANTA, GA. — The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board has placed 58 high school students in Sojourners, a special summer missions program.

The 58, students who are single, under age 25, and who have completed at least their junior high school year, will serve 10-week terms of mission work in 21 states.

Work in Sojourners ranges from general mission work including survey, backyard Bible clubs, and mission vacation Bible schools, to special projects from the Colorado wilderness to Washington, D. C., inner city. One student will set up a recreation program for children and teens in Chinook, Mont.

Sojourners is directed by Mary

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SBC Resolution

Annuity Board Plans Action On Retirement Interference

NORFOLK (BP) — A resolution urging protection of denominational retirement programs against excessive government interference will be presented to the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee here at its session, June 14, preceding the annual SBC meeting, June 15-17.

Darold H. Morgan, president of the SBC Annuity Board, said the resolution will be submitted to the Executive Committee, which meets at 2:30 p.m. in the East Ballroom of the Holiday Inn

Scope, with the request that the Executive Committee present it to the convention for action.

An Annuity Board spokesman said the reason for the procedure is that "the action affects all the boards and agencies of the convention, and it is appropriate for the Executive Committee to take action."

Pension Boards of other denominations are likewise concerned about government interference in their plans, said the Annuity Board spokesman. They, in their

own way, are likewise taking steps to petition the government for corrective measures, he said.

The concern of the church pension boards has been aroused by the Internal Revenue Code as amended by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

According to the Annuity Board, the government through ERISA has defined a "church plan" for pensions in such a way as to prohibit church agencies from participating in "church plans" after

1982. In addition, the government, through its actions, "has arrogated unto itself the authority to define a church in the context of defining the term 'church plan,'" the proposed resolution charges.

The effect of the government's actions, if allowed to stand, will be seriously and adversely to affect the pension systems of the various denominations, according to Morgan.

The text of the proposed resolution is as follows:

"Whereas, the United States Constitution provides that Congress shall make no laws respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; and

"Whereas, the Southern Baptist Convention in the past has consistently opposed excessive government interference with ministries of the local churches and the agencies which help and support them to promote and carry out their mission and ministry; and

"Whereas, the United States Congress through Section 3 (33) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and Section 414 (E) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as amended ("Code") has arrogated unto itself the authority to define a church in the context of defining the term 'church plan'; and

"Whereas ERISA and the Code distinguish between a church and an agency of a church or convention of churches, and provide that an agency cannot participate in a church plan after December 31, 1982 and

"Whereas, ministers and lay employees of the Southern Baptist Convention are employed inter-

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Closed-Circuit Television Ready For Convention

By Bonita Sparrow
W. C. Woody of TimeRite Inc., approaches the giant Southern Baptist Convention with the same meticulous attention to detail that ABC's *Romeo Arledge* might devote to Monday night football preparation.

Woody and his associates at TimeRite have been charged by the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee with producing convention activities for closed circuit television.

But this isn't your ordinary closed circuit television set. The screens are 24 x 32 feet, and two of them will stand at either end of the convention floor.

The 1976 Norfolk convention will be the third year the Executive Committee has asked TimeRite to handle the program production for the huge image magnification system. It was done, successfully, at the 1974 Dallas convention and repeated in Miami in 1975.

"The Executive Committee leases the physical equipment, projector, and screens for the image magnification system from a New York company," Woody said. "The TimeRite division of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission arranges, usually without cost, production equipment materials like cameras, projectors, and personnel to produce the convention on-stage

activity for the magnification system.

"Everything that goes on the screen during convention activities — names, states, where delegates are from, etc., — is developed by TimeRite.

Authorized Person
All camera personnel wear blue smocks to indicate to the Time-

Rite people that an authorized person is operating the expensive camera, loaned to TimeRite for convention use.

"We'll be using a five camera pick up to project three or four images on a screen at once, from different angles, for a split screen effect. Where we know ahead of

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Carey Expands Structure In Administrative Additions

A greatly expanded administrative structure at William Carey College was announced this week by President J. Ralph Noonkester. An administrative vice-president, two additional new vice-presidents, a new dean, and a new director for the Gulf Coast campus were named.

"The enlargement of our overall administrative set-up was demanded by the complexity of our program and the growing needs of our three campuses," commented Dr. Noonkester. "In keeping with our progress in all areas of the college we are happy to announce the appointments of several additional key administrators."

Dr. Hugh Dickens has been

promoted to the position of administrative vice-president. He will also retain, for the present, his current roles in the college development and as dean of the graduate program. Dr. Joseph

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Pastor Sends 15,000 Letters Urging SBC Abortion Action

HALLETTSVILLE, Tex. (BP) — Robert Holbrook, a pastor here, is so determined that the Southern Baptist Convention will go on record opposing abortion that he is sending 15,000 letters to SBC pastors and laymen, the Houston Chronicle reported.

The letter calls on Baptists to help launch a massive effort to get the upcoming annual session in Norfolk, June 15-17, to adopt a resolution opposing abortion, according to a report by Louis A. Moore, the Chronicle's religion editor.

Holbrook, who coordinates a group called "Baptists for Life, Inc.," told Moore the mailout is costing \$1,700 and that numerous Baptists have contributed funds for the project.

The three-page letter charges that "certain of the news media and abortion advocates" have interpreted past SBC actions as supporting abortion, the Chronicle said.

"It is very serious to assert that the largest evangelical denomination, which is usually identified as conservative and Bible-believing, is associated on the abortion question with some of the most radical and liberal of social and theological groups in their support of the infamous Supreme Court decision of 1973,

but that is the case," Holbrook's letter said.

"We need to adopt a new resolution on abortion at the upcoming convention in Norfolk," he says.

"When abortion is mentioned to certain convention leaders, they retreat behind the 'hard cases' and insist we be on record as supporting these 'tragic exceptions,' all the while ignoring that over 99 percent of the abortions are done simply because women do not want the baby," Holbrook's letter said.

"This gives liberals a perfect opportunity to paint Southern Baptists as being in support of a legal situation which will permit any kind of abortions," it continued.

Holbrook has written a resolution to accompany the letter, which he says is not as strong as he would like, but is as strong as the Norfolk convention is likely to accept.

His proposed resolution, which he has already submitted to the SBC resolutions committee, says:

"Whereas Southern Baptists have historically held a high biblical view of the sanctity of human life, and

"Whereas, according to United States government figures, 99 per-

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New "Baptist" Literature Sets Off Furor Within Convention

New "Baptist" literature, available June 1, from an independent Baptist Board, has set off a furor within the convention. Editorials in some state papers have questioned the credibility of the board in not announcing that its materials were being produced by a non-denominational press.

The new literature is being offered by an organization known as the Baptist Literature Board, Inc., a nonprofit corporation chartered in North Carolina. According to a spokesman for the Baptist Literature Board, the new litera-

ture will be "based upon the verbal inspiration concept of the Bible."

Rev. Bob Estes, pastor of the Merita Baptist Church in Charlotte, N.C., is the president of the new literature venture. The vice president is Rev. Gerald C. Frimm, pastor of Eller Memorial Baptist Church in Greensboro, N.C.; and the editor-in-chief is Rev. M. O. Owens Jr., pastor of Parkwood Baptist Church in Gastonia, N.C.

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Coast Campus To Be Summer Retreat

"Until Gulfshore is completed," Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester, right, president of William Carey College, is saying to Dr. Frank Gunn, "we want Baptist churches of Mississippi to use our newly acquired campus on the Gulf Coast." From June 15 until August 15, the facilities, facing the water, will accommodate 200 campers or conference members for week-end or week-long sessions. Dr. Gunn, pastor of First, Bloom, and a member of the Carey Board of Trustees, shares Dr. Noonkester's enthusiasm as the two discuss the formal opening of the college on the coast, scheduled for August 28. The property, covering 20 beach-front acres, was recently purchased by William Carey College. It was formerly owned by the Gulf Coast Military Academy.

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time the names and titles of people who will be involved in the convention (like Drs. Porter Routh and Jaroy Weber) and the words to songs, we will program them into the computer in advance.

"Then, when these men speak or a songleader announces the name of a song, we can push a button on a computer and the words will flash on the screen. It's the same way a football game's statistics and player line-ups are produced for television.

"The director knows ahead of time he's going to have some known visuals and these can be programmed in advance. There will be certain personalities who will be deeply involved in the convention program and that part of the convention can be pre-programmed. When that happens the material can be brought on cue quickly and easily and flashed on the screen for the viewer."

Some of the material expected to be pre-programmed for messengers are agency statistics and reports, visuals to illustrate reports, and other material.

Names of Delegates

Woody and his crew have arranged to obtain names of delegates who may rise with convention business from the sea of faces on the floor.

"We'll have TimeRite 'spotters' with walkie talkies on the convention floor. If the camera can get the person, the spotter will get the name and home state and relay it to the writer at the central location so if the person's face is on the screen, the name and state are up there also.

"We want every messenger to know who is speaking by name and state and picture. That's what communication is all about."

Woody said the same procedure will be followed with emergency messages. Emergency messages will be flashed at certain times

during activities but "we will not run them during an agency's report. We'll wait for an opportune time. However, they will be run frequently so people who need to be reached can be reached quickly."

Lot of Work

If the whole thing sounds like a lot of work, it is. "Pre-convention planning begins in October and runs until convention time," Woody said. "We work on it about nine months out of the year — traveling to sites, arranging with manufacturers and supplies for equipment, developing contacts for personnel, lights, staging. You don't just walk into a place and say 'well, here we are' and start setting up.

"What we're setting up is, literally, a television broadcasting station. But instead of being on the air, we're putting it on closed circuit for convention messengers."

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Elizabeth Smith of the HMB's department of special mission ministries. Miss Smith is a missions volunteer herself, currently completing her second year with US-2, an HMB program for college graduates.

In its third year of operation, Sojourners this year include students from 17 states. They pay for their own transportation and expenses. Each Sojourner will serve under the supervision of a missionary or pastor.

Sojourners from Mississippi are Tammy Jo Jones, Tupelo, Washington-Madison Baptist Association, Fayetteville, Ark.; Joanne McDowell, Pearl, South Columbia Baptist Mission Center, Columbia, Miss.; and Sherri Lynn White, Washington - Madison Baptist Association, Fayetteville, Ark.

Dr. James Scater of the Mississippi College music department spent 37 years as a professor and ment, has utilized some of the most modern techniques available in sound recording, such as synthesized sound, phase, shifting, and multi-track recording.

More than 50 individuals contributed their time and knowledge to the making of the film.

In addition to Dr. Spell and Dr. Scater, others taking part in the production of the film were Gail Sprull, graphic art and illustration; Stokes Neal, film direction and script; Paul White, production and photographic direction; and Bill Lytal, campus production coordinator.

Churches and other groups that would like to have the free film for showing should contact Bernard Blackwell, Film Coordinator, Mississippi College, Clinton, MS., 39008, or call 601-924-5131, ext. 240. A coupon can be found elsewhere in the BAPTIST RECORD to reserve the film.

Association Withdraws Fellowship From Church

OXNARD, Calif. (BP) — Harmony Southern Baptist Association here has officially withdrawn fellowship from College Heights Baptist Church in nearby Ventura over the church's charismatic involvement, cooperation with neo-Pentecostal groups, and acceptance of non-Baptist baptism (alien immersion), Baptist Press has learned.

Association Moderator Ellis Pittman and William Gorrell, pastor of College Heights Church, both said the action was non-controversial and peaceful during the association's semi-annual meeting. Both, when questioned, verified the reported reasons for the action.

Pittman, pastor of First Baptist Church in Camarillo, said the association voted without question or comment to accept a report and recommendation from its credentials committee to withdraw fellowship from the church, since they could not be viewed as a "cooperating church."

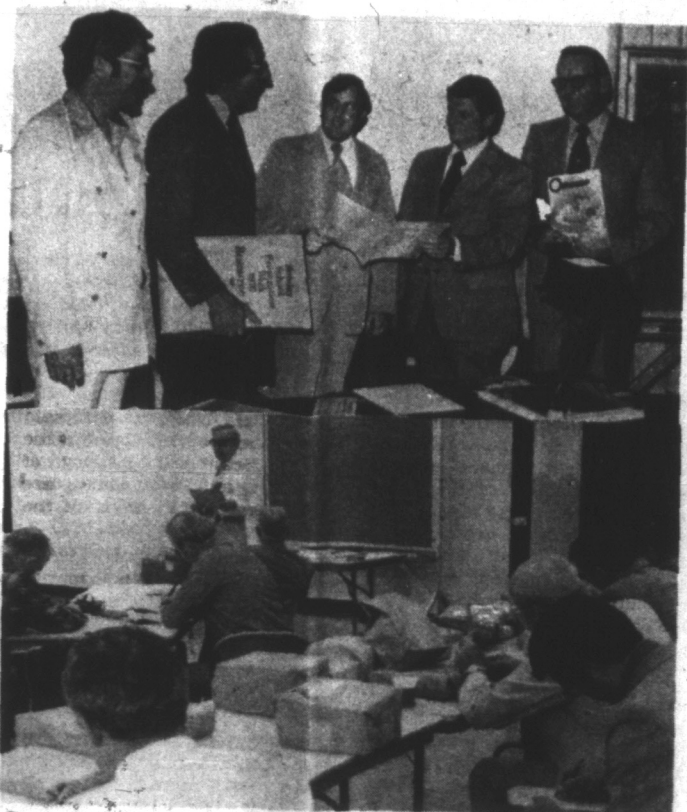
The adopted statement noted differing "fellowship and doctrinal practices," and "stated attitudes of uncooperativeness," as

grounds for withdrawing fellowship. But the association also resolved, "that should a change occur in attitudes and practices of said church, Harmony Southern Baptist Association would welcome the petition of said church to consider anew the seating of messengers."

A copy of the report and action was being forwarded by the association's instruction, to the credentials committee of Southern Baptist General Convention of California, Pittman said.

The association's action does not affect the church's current status as a Southern Baptist church affiliating with the state convention and/or the Southern Baptist Convention. Gorrell said the church will continue to affiliate with both.

Gorrell, a pastor 17 years, and Pittman, both graduates of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif., agreed that College Heights Church's giving to the Cooperative Program unified budget of Southern Baptists had been "increasingly high."



Sunday School Program Promotion Meeting

"Preparation Week" Conference at the Baptist Building (upper photo) was one of two attended by 58 persons for 38 associations. Above are Rev. Odie Henderson, director of missions for Bolivar Association; Ken Dean, Sunday School Board; Bert Jones, associate pastor, First Baptist Church, Laurel; Rev. Leon Ballard, pastor, First Baptist Church, Lexington; and Rev. Judd R. Allen, consultant, Sunday School Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The "Pastor-Director" Conference (lower photo) was led by L. J. Newton of the Sunday School Board.

Disaster Funds Dispersed In Flooded Philippines

By Robert L. Stanley

MANILA, Philippines (BP) — Almost half of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's disaster appropriation for the Philippines has already been dispersed.

Of the \$5,000 set aside, \$2,300 has been used to distribute food, clothing, and medicine, according to Southern Baptist missionary Robert N. Nash.

Additional funds will be circulated as needed in the devastated areas of Central Luzon. Floods caused by tropical storm Olga affected more than 600,000 persons here and in lowlying rice lands and towns of this area, reports indicate.

Southern Baptist missionaries and church leaders in the Philippines purchased rice and were

distributing it to church members and other flood victims on the Luzon island, hard hit by nine days of almost continuous rainfall.

"The rain has been so prolonged that people are without food and unable to get out of their homes because of the floods," explained Nash, chairman of the Philippine mission organization.

Wind damage was slight. However, the typhoon's slow movement across the Philippines set off the record rainfall. Nash said he had received no reports of damage to missionary homes, but it was too early to know the extent church members may have suffered.

Rising waters blocked all highway traffic northward from Manila.

New "Baptist" Literature Sets Off Furor Within Convention

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William A. Powell of Buchanan, Ga., editor of the Southern Baptist Journal, has been designated as the executive director of the board.

Rev. Estes said that the statement of Baptist Faith and Message, adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963, "will serve as the doctrinal guidelines for the (new) literature."

In a by-lined news release from Baptist Press, Robert O'Brien, news director for the Southern Baptist Convention news service,

declared that the source of the new literature is Scripture Press, a non-denominational publishing house in Wheaton, Ill.

The Scripture Press connection had not been announced in any materials from the Baptist Literature Board concerning the new literature. A board spokesman had indicated that the new literature would be produced "from within our denomination."

O'Brien quotes a Scripture Press spokesman as saying its writers come from a number of denominations and it has no Southern Baptists on its staff.

The publishing house does have an imprint ministry, however, O'Brien pointed out. Its material goes to a number of denominations and groups, which are allowed to make "page changes that will enhance denominational distinctiveness" as long as the changes do not violate the Scripture Press Statement of Faith, which includes belief in verbal inspiration of the Bible.

Baptist Press quotes Owens as saying that he and other editors "take basic material that Scripture Press has and go through it and make it exactly like what we want and put our inserts in it and our name on it so that we can say we are responsible for producing this material."

The Sunday School Board, publishing agency of the convention, has made no comment concerning the matter.

BBI Luncheon Planned For Norfolk

Baptist Bible Institute of Greenville, S.C., has planned an alumni luncheon at Norfolk. It will be held at the Midtown Holiday Inn, on June 16 at 1:00 noon. Tickets are \$3.50 and may be secured at the Institute's booth in the exhibit area.

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Mississippi Jr. College, Senatobia, Lambert, Northern Plains; Bryant, Kathy Ann, Jones County Jr. College, Mize, Same Kansas-Nebraska;

Butler, Mary Marlene, Univ. of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Meridian, New York; Callahan, Sherry Marie, Northwest Mississippi Jr. College, Senatobia, Southaven, Northern Plains; Carpenter, Elizabeth Lorraine (Lorie), Meridian Jr. College, Meridian, Same; Cochran, Kathryn Ann (Kathy) Northwest Mississippi Jr. College, Senatobia, Nesbit, Northern Plains; Goffey, Carl Randall, Northwest Jr. College, Senatobia, Winona, New York;

Coleman, Lorraine, Alcorn State Univ., Lorman; McComb, Kentucky; Daniel, Joseph Winborn, Mississippi State Univ., Starkville, Silver Creek, Oklahoma; Farr, Phyllis Anne, Northwest Mississippi Jr. College, Senatobia, Boyle, Northern Plains; Faulkner, John Robert, Mississippi College, Clinton, Crystal Springs, Mississippi; Feaster, Lee Ann, Delta State Univ., Cleveland, Senatobia, Pennsylvania, Fitzgerald, Jeffery Lee, Union Univ., Jackson, Tn; Walls, MS Tennessee;

Gross, Earnest, Northwest Jr. College, Senatobia, Charleston, Florida; Harris, Brenda Anne, Alcorn State Univ., Lorman, Canton, Missouri; Hines, Charles Hunt, Univ. of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Natchez, Kentucky; Hosey, Connie Jolene, Jones County Jr. College, Ellisville, Louisa, Northern Plains; Hulsey, Don Lester, Southeastern Bible College, Birmingham, Al; New Albany, Northwest; Jackson, Jeanie, Alcorn State Univ., Lorman, Greenwood, Georgia;

Jackson, Robert Lou, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tx; Oxford, Ms. Minnesota-Wisconsin; Jackson, Mrs. Lynda F. (R. L.), Ft. Worth, TX, Minnesota-Wisconsin; Jones, Elijah Devon, Univ. of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Same, Pennsylvania; Jones, Johnny, Alcorn State Univ., Lorman, Morton, California; Jones, William Dennis, Clarke College, Newton, Waynesboro, California; Lowry, Kathy Renee, Northwest Mississippi Jr. College, Senatobia, Olive Branch, Missouri;

McQueen, B. Dianne, Copiah-Lincoln Jr. College, Wesson, Mendon, Illinois; McMillen, Sammy Bryant, Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, New Albany, Mississippi; Northrup, Nancy Angela, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Natchez, California; Osborn, Robert Kenneth, Northwest Jr. College, Senatobia, Olive Branch, Northern Plains; Perkins, Carolyni Denell, Jackson State Univ., Jackson, Same, Arkansas; Massingill, Walter Lamar, Clarke College, Newton, Clinton, Northern Plains;

Pounders, Deborah Carol, Northeast Mississippi Jr. College, Iuka, Same, Minnesota-Wisconsin; Reed, Dennis Carl, Northwest Mississippi, Jr. College, Senatobia, Potts Camp, Northern Plains; Russell, Barbara,

East Central Jr. College, Decatur, Same, Illinois; Moore, Nancy Lynn, Delta State Univ., Cleveland, Clarksdale, Florida; Sprattlin, Hilda Jeanne, Northwest Mississippi Jr. College, Senatobia, Pittsboro, New York;

Smith, Alan Charles Northwest Mississippi, Jr. College, Senatobia, Lamar, California; Sullivan, Charence Leonard, III, Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Tupelo, Northwest

Tilghman, Deborah Kathleen, Louisiana State Univ., Baton Rouge, La.; Grenada, Northwest; Waddle, Dudley Marion, Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, New Albany, Mississippi; Waters, Tanya Ann, Itawamba Jr. College, Fulton, Pontotoc, Northern Plains; Watson, Robbie Neal, Northwest Mississippi Jr. College, Senatobia, Nesbit, Virginia; Thomas, Debbie Renee, Alcorn State Univ., Lorman, Columbia, Washington, D. C.

A list of BSU-sponsored summer missionaries was published in an earlier issue.

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ph M. Ernest will continue as vice-president for academic affairs.

Dr. Jerry Oswalt has assumed the position of vice-president for student affairs. As such he will co-ordinate all student activities with the aid of a professional staff.

Named to vice-president for business affairs is J. D. Sims, long-time business manager of the college.

Coming from San Jose University in California to be director of the new Gulf Coast campus is Dr. William Osborn. To open on August 29, classes primarily for college juniors and seniors will be offered leading to the bachelor's degree.

Graduate level, as well as continuing education and special interest courses will also be available.

Dr. Osborn holds the Ph.D. degree in psychology from the University of California.

"We are also pleased to announce," added Dr. Noonkester, "that Dr. Steve Robinson has been named as dean of the newly developed school of business administration, to be based in Carey's modern Thomas Business Building. Dr. Robinson comes to us highly qualified from Columbus College in Georgia. He holds the doctor's degree in economics from the University of Oklahoma."

Both Dr. Osborn and Dr. Robinson will be joining the William Carey College administration as of June 15.

Under Dr. Ernest five deans will be operating: Dr. Flora Blackstock, dean of the school of nursing; Dr. Donald Winters, dean of the school of music; Dr. Hugh Dickens, dean of the graduate program; Dr. Steve Robinson, dean of the school of business; and Dr. Ernest himself as dean of the school of arts and sciences.

Suggestions Needed For SBC Convention Preacher

LUTHERVILLE, Md. (BP) — Southern Baptists everywhere will be given an opportunity to make a suggestion for the preacher of the annual Southern Baptist Convention sermon in 1977, according to R. G. Puckett, chairman of the SBC committee on order of business.

The committee on order of business will convene in Norfolk during the SBC annual meeting to make a decision on the annual sermon preacher. The nomination then goes to the convention, which meets June 15-17, for final action. "Preaching the annual sermon is one of the highest honors that can be paid to a minister of the gospel," Puckett said. "As chairman of the committee which has the responsibility for nominating the preacher, I want the Southern Baptist constituency to have a voice in making that selection."

The chairman of the committee asked that those making nominations write a brief statement of the reasons they feel the persons suggested should be considered. Suggestions for the preacher of the annual sermon should be addressed to R. G. Puckett, chairman, committee on order of business, 1213 York Road, Lutherville, Maryland 21093.



Shamburger Is President

Rev. Gordon Shamburger, chairman of the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center in Jackson, is the new president of the national Association of Baptist Chaplains composed of Southern Baptist chaplains serving in hospitals and other institutions throughout the country. The association is affiliated with the College of Chaplains of the American Protestant Hospital Association. Chaplain Shamburger, on the right, is conferring with Rev. Walter Jackson, director of pastoral care at Louisville Baptist East Hospital in Louisville, Ky., the outgoing president.

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summing the pastorate of the 10,277-member congregation. In the last two years, the church has baptized more than 400 new converts and has had more than 1,750 total additions.

Grateful For Experience
He will welcome the election of a new president, he said. "All I want is to get back here and pastor my church," Weber added, however, that he was grateful for the experience of getting to know denominational leaders and pastors better through his travels and speaking engagements.

In those travels, he said, the most frequent expression he has heard is a fear of "liberal tendencies" within the denomination. "I am sure it is true," he said, and added the charge probably would apply primarily to educational institutions. "But I don't think we need to get concerned about it until it gets more specific," he added.

"It is not as widespread as people would have us believe, and if there are going to be accusations I think there ought to be more specific references."

Weber said one of the biggest problems facing the denomination is its success. "We have had such apparent success," he said, "that it is very easy to depend on our own innate abilities for progress rather than depend on the Holy Spirit."

He cautioned that the convention has become so large that it is impersonal in many cases. "We need to be sure we stay person-centered and keep in mind that in everything we do we need to have the individual in mind—a local church member or local pastor," he said.

Lot of Talk

The SBC president said he had heard a lot of talk over the past year about what constitutes a Southern Baptist Convention cooperating church. At present, convention membership is limited to "messengers who are members of missionary Baptist churches cooperating with the Convention." A convention messenger must come from a church which is in "friendly cooperation with this Convention and sympathetic with its purposes and work and has during the fiscal year preceding been a bona fide contributor to the Convention's work."

The denomination is "caught between the horns of a dilemma," Weber said. "We want the democracy and freedom and yet we want responsibility. Ask any denominational leader if sending money to the Cooperative Program is enough for a church to be a member of the convention and all agree it is not—that there ought to be some doctrinal guideline as well. But our freedom does not allow us the right to construct such a guideline."

He said he had talked to many people about how membership affiliation requirements could be changed but had received no encouragement as to how it could be accomplished.

"Nobody wants a creed; nobody wants to set up a doctrinal statement," he added. "Anyway, nobody could make a complete creedal statement for Baptists because what we do when we do that is bind God's revelation of Himself. He may give us a new revelation tomorrow." Some, he said, have pointed

to the statement of Baptist Faith and Message adopted in 1963 as a creedal statement.

"But you can accept the faith and message statement with shades of interpretation, just as the charismatics do," he said. "The charismatics take the Holy Spirit statement and say they believe it and print it in the front of their church papers."

Weber said he felt the charismatic movement among Southern Baptists has "reached its peak and maybe tapered off in the Bible Belt where there is a great deal of biblical preaching. 'Biblical preaching,' he said, "is the solution to all problems. I don't know of any problem we face in our churches that strong biblical preaching wouldn't correct," he contended.

Weber said he had noted recent state paper editorials about the selection of his successor as president and said he agreed that the convention ought to seek the man and not the man seek the office.

Nothing Wrong

"There's nothing wrong in names being suggested throughout the convention year as possibilities," he said, "but I don't think any individual ought to start a structured campaign to be elected. I think if anyone does he is not the type person who should be elected."

Weber said the convention president should be a person who is familiar with Southern Baptist structure, who has familiarized himself with the work of the association, state, and Southern Baptist Convention level.

The Lubbock pastor had just completed a term as president of the Pastors' Conference when he was elected to the convention presidency. There was a time, he acknowledged, when criticism was rampant that the Pastors' Conference was too often used to promote a person for the presidency.

"Then the convention reacted and said in essence it was not going to elect anyone who had been Pastors' Conference president," he said and added some were surprised at his election in 1974.

"I don't know that the convention has changed its mind," Weber said. "I know I was president of the Pastors' Conference before I was elected convention president, but I don't think any man ought to use that (Pastors' Conference presidency) with the idea that it is a tool to get elected as convention president."

Weber said he would have no problem with rescheduling the Pastors' Conference to follow the convention to remove it as a potential presidential launching pad.

Weber said he believes that at the 1976 convention, June 15-17 in Norfolk, Southern Baptists will make a new commitment to reach America and the world for Christ and "evangelism will come into focus as never before. I think it will be a very positive convention."

Weber is an ex-officio member of the SBC Committee on Order of Business and acknowledged the committee has been criticized because of its invitation to President Gerald Ford to address the convention. He defended the invitation.

"It was no last minute decision," he explained. "The committee talked at the convention last year about inviting him. They invited him on the basis that he is the President of the United States, not that he is Gerald Ford."

Dedication-Anniversary Services Are Features For Calvary, Jackson

The dedication of a \$2.5 million building - renovation program and the observance of its 75th anniversary will be the twin highlights of Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, June 6.

Dr. Joe H. Tuten, pastor, said the occasion would be by far the most significant in the history of the church, and that visitors are expected from many areas of the country.

Appropriate programs have been arranged for both morning and evening services, with two former pastors to fill the pulpit, he added.

Dr. Luther Joe Thompson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., will preach at the morning hour, set for 10:50; and Dr. Claud Bowen, former pastor of First Baptist Church, Greensboro, N. C., and now retired in that city, will preach at the evening service at 7:30.

The building - renovation program is believed to be the largest ever undertaken by a Baptist church in the state.

It includes a completely renovated, air - conditioned sanctuary with stained glass windows, a newly added chapel, a new 25,500 - square - foot dining and education facility, an expanded library, an added area for teaching and social activities, installation of new sound system, carpeting, lighting, and other special improvements as well as a separate building to house mechanical and maintenance equipment.

The morning worship hour will especially emphasize the dedication and will feature an impressive service "affirming the dedication," participated in by pastor and people, and will be the same service used in the original dedication of the present house of worship on March 10, 1929.

Invocation will be given by Hubert W. Miazza, chairman of the deacons.

Presentation of the building will be made by Pete H. Frierson, chairman of building committee, with the prayer of thanksgiving to be led by Charles L. Graves, chairman of finance committee in 1929.

Offertory prayer will be led by H. B. Duckworth, chairman of finance committee. The subject of Dr. Thompson's sermon will be "Things Time Does Not Change."

The observance of the 75th anniversary of the church will be featured at the evening worship hour.

"Expressions of Meaning," will be conversations with Miss Ruth Price and Miss Dorothy Price, daughters of Dr. W. P. Price, first pastor of the church, 1901 - 1908.

Invocation will be given by J. E. May. The subject of Dr. Bowen's sermon will be "Calling for Dreamers."

A joint service of commitment of the church and Dr. and Mrs. J. Glenn Morris, the church's missionaries to China and Thailand since 1940, will be held.

Prayer for the church will be led by Dr. Morris with prayer for the missionaries to be led by E. L. Stanford.

Calvary Baptist Church has completed 75 years of faithful, dedicated, outstanding service to the Kingdom of God, according to O. H. Kerr, chairman of the anniversary committee.

It was on the first Sunday in June, 1901, that the church was organized as Second Baptist Church with 47 charter members. Its total membership now surpasses 3,700.

Dr. Price was called as pastor when the church was organized and served until 1908. During his pastorate the chapel was moved to the corner of Lynch and



The newly renovated auditorium at Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, a part of a \$2.5 million renovation and building program.



The new chapel at Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson. Dedication services will be held June 6, the 75th anniversary of the church.

Poindexter streets and was replaced by a new brick building. While the new building was under construction the congregation worshipped in a tent in Poindexter Park.

When Dr. Price retired the church called Dr. M. O. Patterson who served until 1911. The next pastor was Dr. J. N. McMillan, who served only a short period.

Dr. H. M. King was the next pastor, and under his ministry the present sanctuary was built at 1300 West Capitol. Sunday, June 6 marks the complete renovation of that building along with the entire present plant of the church and some new construction. On July 6, 1925, the name of the church was changed to Calvary.

In August of 1940 Dr. Claud B. Bowen was called to succeed Dr. King, who had retired earlier in the year.

Dr. Harold G. Basden, a faculty member at Mississippi College, became the next pastor on January 6, 1949.

In 1953 Dr. Basden resigned to become pastor of Gaston Avenue Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas. Later he joined the headquarters staff of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and then died while still a relatively young man.

Dr. Luther Joe Thompson became pastor in 1954. It was during his pastorate that the education building with its tower and steeple was constructed.

The Foundation and Trust Program was begun in 1962 with a gift of \$1,000 from Mrs. Willie Eleanor Berry Bridges. Endow-

ment funds now total more than \$400,000. They are used in mission causes and in aiding young people in education.

Open house will be observed during the afternoon from 3 - 5 with guided tours to begin in the main foyer.

Annuity Board..

(Continued from page 1)
changeably by churches and church-related agencies participating in denominational plans maintained with the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; and

"Whereas, the Southern Baptist Convention and the 33 individual state Baptist conventions affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention oversee, supervise and contribute to the retirement annuity plans of the churches and the denomination maintained with the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention;

"Therefore, be it resolved, that we the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention in a annual meeting in June 1976 at Norfolk, Virginia, urge the elected representatives in Congress to support legislation to amend section 3 (33) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 414 (E) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (Code) relating to the definition of 'church plan' so that church-related agencies are recognized as part of a church or convention of churches and entitled to participate in a church plan."



Mississippians At Radio-TV Seminar

Enjoying a coffee break during a recent Radio and Television Commission - sponsored seminar to discuss denominational use of the agency's new television studio are (from left) Don McGregor, associate editor and editor-elect of "The Baptist Record"; Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary - treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Dr. Porter Routh of Nashville, executive secretary - treasurer, SBC Executive Committee, and Dr. George Bagley of Birmingham, Executive secretary - treasurer of the Alabama Baptist Convention. The new Radio-TV Commission television studio is scheduled to open in August. — Radio-TV Commission Photo by Bonita Sparrow.

Four Crusades In Ghana Record 3,600 Conversions

ACCRA, Ghana (BP) — Four evangelistic crusades have been completed by Baptists here, with more than 3,600 professions of faith in Jesus Christ, according to reports from Southern Baptist missionaries.

The crusades were a cooperative effort of the Ghana Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) and the Ghana Baptist Convention. Two more are scheduled for late 1976 and early 1977.



Shop Talk

Dr. Paul Stevens, right, director of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, discusses the commission's new television facility with Don McGregor, associate editor of the Baptist Record.

65-Plus Retreat For Baptist Women Held At Garaywa

By Barbara Taylor
Seventy-two participants en-

joyed the three days of retreat.

Special features of the retreat included Bible study periods led by Rev. W. B. Abel of Noxapater and music and fellowship times directed by Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy McCaleb of Hattiesburg. Sharing missions information from the

was given by Dr. David Van Landingham of Jackson.

Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary of the Mississippi Convention Board, brought the closing message to the group.

Variety was the key to the retreat; and the ladies enjoyed ev-

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EDITORIAL

William Carey To Have Coast Campus

News stories of recent days tell of the acquisition by William Carey College of the old Gulf Coast Military Academy property on the coast. A story in this issue discusses other enlargement plans of the institution. Nothing, however, seems to be as important in the expansion as the establishment of the new Gulf Coast campus. Here the institution evidently plans to develop a branch school which will offer the same type of academic opportunity that is offered at the main campus. Already there is excitement concerning this on the coast, as this reportedly will be the first institution on the coast offering degrees for work done there. Mississippi Southern has a branch campus in Long Beach but it is our understanding that students who do their study there must take some of their work on the main campus, in order to qualify for degrees. Mississippi Baptists can be very proud that one of their institutions has set this advance in the coast area.

One is reminded as he reads of

this that the Mississippi Baptist Convention vote to establish Mississippi Woman's College, which later became William Carey, was at the body's convention in Gulfport in 1911. It was in that session that Mississippi Baptists decided to accept the offer of the campus property in Hattiesburg, and the institution's birth was guaranteed. So, when William Carey establishes its second campus "on the Gulf Coast, the institution simply will be coming back to the place of its origin.

There is an interesting story told concerning that vote to accept the Hattiesburg property. It was related to me by an old preacher who now long has been dead. I presume that he was present at the Gulfport meeting for evidently he was a pastor in the state at that time. He said that there was sharp debate over whether the offer should be accepted, and that the vote to accept it carried by only one vote. He said that an incident just before the vote, kept the proposition from losing by one vote, instead of carrying.

A preacher who was strongly against accepting the offer of the institution, became ill as the debate grew to a climax, and another man who also was against the offer, escorted him from the building. While they were outside, caring for the sick man's needs, the vote was taken. Had those two men been in the convention at the time, both probably would have voted against the motion, and the convention would have rejected the offer by one vote.

However, it seems evident now that God was directing that Baptists should have the property and establish the institution as a Baptist school. The way that He has led through these years, reveal how wise was the decision.

Mississippi Baptists today thank God for William Carey and for the way that He is leading it and using it. We predict that the extension school at Gulfport, will strengthen the Baptist Christian education witness not only for the coast but also for the whole state.



WE'D BETTER LISTEN TO HIM

Three Men From Blue Mountain

John Buchanan died last week. He had, in the generation past, been one of the outstanding leaders among Southern Baptists. He had pastored great churches, the last one being Southside in Birmingham, Ala., and had served as chairman of the executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, as well as holding other important denominational positions. He was a native of Blue Mountain, Mississippi, and thereby hangs a tale.

The story came from the late Lawrence T. Lowrey, for many years the president of Blue Mountain College. It was one of the many great stories concerning the college and the area that he loved to tell.

A famed Southern Baptist was

visiting Blue Mountain, and he and President Lowrey were sitting on the big porch of the home of the president of the college. This residence is located on the hillside above the campus, and from it one has a wide vista, not only of the college, but also of the town and the rural areas beyond.

During the conversation the visitor mentioned that he recently had been on the campus of Mary Hardin - Baylor College in Texas, and he began to speak of what a remarkable couple John and Mary Hardin had been. (They had become wealthy through oil on their property, and had given large sums of money to Baylor Woman's College at Belton, and other Baptist causes. Because of the gifts the

name of the college had been changed.)

"Yes, I knew John Hardin," Dr. Lowrey said. Then pointing to a house in the village surrounding the college, he said "See that house? That is where John Hardin was born."

The conversation continued, and soon the visitor was telling of a recent visit he had had with Dr. Norris Palmer, pastor at that time of First Baptist Church, Baton Rouge. After some discussion concerning the great leadership he had given Southern Baptists, Dr. Lowrey pointed in a different direction to another house. "That is where Norris Palmer lived as a boy."

As the conversation continued, the visitor mentioned that he was going to Birmingham to speak in the pulpit of John Buchanan. Dr. Lowrey rose from his chair, requesting the visitor to accompany him to the corner of the porch where they could see a different direction. "That is the place where John Buchanan was born. His brother is on the faculty here now."

The visitor was astounded and remarked, "Did all great Southern Baptists come from Blue Mountain?" "No," replied Dr. Lowrey, "But those three you have mentioned all did."

I thought of that story again last week, when I read of the death of John Buchanan. He was the last of those "three men from Blue Mountain," and, of course, the man who told the story, Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey, is gone too. The little town, and the college, live on, perhaps to produce more leaders for coming generations. They did a good job with these three.

Messenger Certification

This is late, but perhaps not too late, for most who plan to attend the Southern Baptist Convention. If you have not secured your messenger certification card (s) from Executive Secretary Kelly's office, you should call that office today, to have them mailed to you.

The SBC Constitution states in Article III that "The Convention shall consist of messengers who are members of missionary Baptist churches cooperating with the Convention as follows: 1. One (1) messenger may come from each church which is in friendly cooperation with the convention and sympathetic with its purposes and work and has during the past year preceding been a bona fide contributor to the Convention's work. 2. One additional messenger from

each church for every two hundred and fifty (250) members; or for each \$250 paid to the work of the Convention during the fiscal year preceding the annual meeting. (3) The messengers shall be appointed and certified by the churches to the convention, but no church shall appoint more than ten (10). 4. Each messenger shall be a member of the church by which he is appointed.

Certification cards have been made available through the Executive Secretary's office. With these properly signed the messenger will have no problem in registering at the convention. Without one he may have to go before the Credentials Committee. The simplest thing to do is to carry a properly filled out card with you.

NEWEST BOOKS

New Book Discusses "The Battle For The Bible"

THE BATTLE FOR THE BIBLE by Harold Lindsell (Zondervan, 218 pp., \$4.95) This is an important book, and well may be a controversial one. It is written by a recognized scholar, who has taught in two major theological institutions, and for the past several years has been editor of the prestigious conservative Christian journal, Christianity Today. He is a Southern Baptist minister, but both his position and his scholarship have given him a much broader view of the whole Christian world, than most ministers are able to have. That place of objective observation has enabled him to write this book.

The book deals with the issue which is creating so many problems in the Christian world right now, the inspiration and authority of the Bible. Dr. Lindsell says "It is the thesis of this book that biblical inerrancy is a theological watershed. Down the road, whether it takes five or fifty years, any institution that departs from belief in an inerrant Scripture will likewise depart from other fundamentals of the faith and at last cease to be evangelical in the historical meaning of that term." This is what the volume is all about. It is the first book that we have seen on the subject that clearly defines the issues, outlines the conflicting views, and objectively points to the results which can be anticipated if the right decision are not made.

In the opening chapters Dr. Lindsell shows that this is a major issue for Evangelicals today. He then points

out that Inerrancy is taught in the Scriptures, and that it has been the teaching of the churches through the ages. He shows the drift away from the doctrine in recent decades, and the results that is bringing. Full chapters are given to the problem as it is affecting Missouri Synod Lutherans, Southern Baptists, and Fuller Theological Seminary where Dr. Lindsell once taught. Another chapter reveals how the problem has crept into other denominations and institutions. The author then proceeds to discuss the "Deviations that Follow when Inerrancy is Denied," and how the "infection" spreads. Dr. Lindsell frankly faces the "Discrepancies in Scripture" which are claimed by those denying Inerrancy, but shows how they can be understood in the light of "inerrancy." In his conclusion he urges those who are moving away from the inerrant position to rethink their actions in the light of historical data and "move back to commitment to this basic truth." He further urges those evangelicals who will still hold to biblical inerrancy to "contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints." He believes that "if evangelicals in concert with each other would stand firm and tall for biblical inerrancy and the cardinal doctrines of the Christian faith, a new day would dawn and the blessing of God would follow."

Dr. Lindsell deals openly and frankly with his own denomination, Southern Baptists, depicts the problem there, calls attention to the fact that "probably 90%

of the people in the pews believe in biblical inerrancy, but says that faculty members in the convention's institutions are "painfully silent" on the matter. He says that "Southern Baptists have not yet dealt with the matter decisively," although when the issue has surfaced at the annual convention, the messengers always have voted for inerrancy. He says that sooner or later the convention will have to make some decisions on the matter.

The book is a fair presentation of the issue, written with love and deep concern. It is scholarly, yet understandable, frank but very fair, and is practical but objective. It gets to the very heart of an issue which is disturbing evangelicals today and calls for positive decisions concerning them.

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP by Jay E. Adams (Baker, paper, 198 pp. \$3.75) A professor of practical theology writes practical chapters on a pastor's shepherding of his flock.

UNTO HIM BE GLORY by Paul Byers (Baptist Publication Committee, 224 pp., paper, \$2.95; hardback, \$4.95.) Studies of the institution, nature, authority, ministry, power and continued existence of New Testament churches. The author believes that New Testament churches were local, visible bodies, and that true New Testament churches have existed under various names, in every age from Christ's day until the present hour.

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Coast Baptists Applaud And Welcome Wm. Carey Center

Dear Editor:

Last night, May 24, 1976, the Executive Committee of the Gulf Coast Baptist Association voted enthusiastically and unanimously to register its great pleasure at having William Carey College expand to this area.

The group felt that the occupancy of the Gulf Coast Military Academy facilities by a senior college who marches under the banner of Mississippi Baptists will greatly enhance the Lord's work in this area.

So, on behalf of the 25,000 Southern Baptists in 53 churches and missions that make up the Gulf Coast Baptist Association let us say thank you William Carey and Welcome!

Sincerely yours,
James W. Street, Moderator
(First Church, Wiggins)

On The MORAL SCENE...

ADVERTISING & ALCOHOL ABUSE — Alcoholism or alcohol abuse figures one way or another in 50 percent of all first admissions to mental hospitals, 50 percent of all arrests in the United States, 50 percent of the nation's highway deaths, and 40 percent of all problems before family courts. . . . While the drinking goes on, the beer industry spent (in 1974) more than \$100 million in advertising, the distilled spirits industry spent \$160 million and the wine makers \$50 million. . . . Sen. William D. Hathaway, chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Alcoholism and Narcotics, wondered at hearings in March: "Is all this effort devoted, as some advertisers claim, only to inducing people who already drink to shift from one brand to another? How much of it is actually designed to encourage non-drinkers to start? To encourage moderate drinkers to drink more? In other words, to create an overwhelming cultural atmosphere in which drinking is second nature to everyone over the age of 12?" . . . Of the 182 gallons of liquid the average American consumes a year, liquor is used 24 times as much as coffee, of which Americans consume 32 gallons a year. It is used 120 times more than milk, even though citizens drink 12 times more milk than liquor in real life. . . . If liquor is the most common drink on television and several hundred million dollars are spent on media advertising, Sen. Hathaway hit on a major issue when he asked "how this massive barrage of 'information' about alcohol affects our nation's health." (Congressional Record—Extensions of Remarks E 2516, May 12, 1976)

THE POWER OF A LETTER — Public officials and business executives admit that mail had influenced their decisions, strengthened their positions and changed their minds. A letter can:

(1) Influence media. "Not one letter is thrown into the wastebasket," writes the former secretary of a TV network executive. "Just one or two letters may have a great impact on the future of any program."

(2) Get action. "There are many people out of work in my neighborhood," Tianna Easter, 9, wrote to a local gas company, "but I would like you to hire just one for me." Tianna was one of 800 pupils in a Chicago school who wrote personal letters to area employers. Eighty people got jobs.

(3) Change policy. A little girl wrote to a toy train manufacturer, pointing out



Bicentennial
Feature

Baptists, Established Church Opponents In Revolution

RICHMOND, Va., 1790 — Baptists and the state church in America, opposed from the first, were driven further apart by the war for American independence. The state church remained loyal to the British crown while Baptists gave their support to the fight for liberty.

The established church had openly persecuted the Baptists in many places. But in their fight for religious and civil freedom the Baptists won the highest esteem of the colonists.

That the established church should side with the crown and Baptists with the patriots was inevitable. The British government supported the state church and paid the salary of the clergy with taxes.

Baptists, on the other hand, saw in the war for independence a fight for religious liberty as well. They were convinced there could be no religious freedom as long as church and state are linked.

The established church did not retreat without a struggle, however. They preached loyalty to the crown from the pulpit and accused their congregations of treason. One church was so incensed by the charges of their parson that they took him out of the building following a sermon and whipped him.

Another clergyman took his pistols into the pulpit, announced he was going to read all the prayers for the king and the royal family, and declared he would shoot anyone who tried to stop him.

Not many of the established clergy were so bold, however. Most of them closed their churches and fled, many returning to England. Only a few dared to remain in the colonies.

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that company ads and catalogs were aimed at boys only. "I am a girl," she wrote. "I like trains." The president read the letter and launched a girl-oriented campaign.

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Ministerial Ball Rolls Even At 89 For Lee

By Beth J. Tamke

The 89-year-old preacher, dressed in a gray suit and tie, sat in his living room looking at the little fuzzy poodle sleeping on the floor near his chair.

The white-haired gentleman has been slightly stooped by the years. He stood up and walked to his mantel to grasp a worn tennis ball.

"Rusty, show me what you

want," the man said as the dog pricked up its ears, ran to the mantel and began jumping up and down.

Robert G. Lee, pastor emeritus of Bellevue Baptist Church, threw the ball into the dining room for Rusty to retrieve.

"Rusty doesn't really belong to me, but he stays as much over here as he does next door."

Lee was asked about his life in

retirement.

"I'm not retired," he said adamantly. "I resigned at Bellevue but I haven't stopped my ministry. I'm still busy. The main difference is I don't have the personal touch with my folks."

His "folks" are the members of Bellevue Baptist Church, which he nurtured from 1927 to 1960. During his ministry there, the congregation grew from 1,430 to 9,200.

Despite his claims of being unable to do much anymore, Lee travels and speaks more than some young evangelists in their prime. He has written 53 books and says he isn't through.

"I used to preach every day for four years after my resignation. Then I slacked up. For the last two years, I've been preaching three to four days every week. I have had a meeting every weekend this year and have quite a number next year."

The telephone rang and Lee left to answer it.

"A lot of folks still think I'm their pastor," he said as he walked across the room. "That's the reason the telephone rings all the time."

When he returned, Lee said some of his former members visit him at his home "but not a great multitude. Quite a number come, but they don't find me here enough. I'm here very seldom."

He said he corresponds with a few ministerial friends but not many "because very few are still living."

"I get lonely since my wife went away. I lived with her for 57 years. It is a difficult adjustment to live after that. The Lord Jesus is with me and I enjoy life. I enjoy sleep when I sleep and work when I'm working. I love folks. I really love them. Some have ways I don't like, but I like folks."

He demonstrated his love of people during his ministry. He wrote personal notes to members on their birthdays. He visited fathers' waiting rooms while members' children were being born. He averaged 10 visits a day to members' homes.

He worked hard on his sermons and was known for oratorical excellence and Biblical themes. His name is now recognized throughout the United States and in many foreign countries.

His most important sermon, "Pay Day Someday" has been preached more than 18,000 times. It has been translated into several foreign languages, made into a movie and used as the theme of a sacred opera.

"It's just as fresh now as it was when I first gave it in 1919," he said. "I get tired physically now because it is one solid hour of preaching."

In recognition of his leadership, Lee was elected president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention for four terms. He served as president of the Southern Baptist Convention for three terms.

Lee still draws a crowd wherever he preaches due to his reputation for gifted delivery and inspirational messages.

He said he does not prepare many new sermons anymore because he is always asked to repeat those that have become popularized.

"I've slacked up in recent years. I used to get up at 5 a.m. and study for three hours. Then I would pray and have breakfast and study two more hours. The rest of the day I worked at my ministry of helping folks."

"Now I get up at 6:30 and bathe and read the newspaper. I pray and read the Bible. I do a lot of praying. I pray for the troubled... I pray for myself that I will have the strength to keep going for years. I have a prayer list and call people by name for the Lord."

(Beth J. Tamke is religion editor for the Commercial Appeal, Memphis, Tennessee.)



Missionary-In-Residence Honored

An afghan crocheted by women in the Baptist Building was presented to Rev. and Mrs. Guy Henderson upon his departure from the Baptist Building. A reception in honor of the Hendersons for Baptist Building personnel was held following the Friday morning chapel service, during which Rev. Henderson spoke. The afghan has 42 squares and represents the work of 49 women. Rev. Henderson stands at left as the afghan is unfolded; and Mrs. Henderson is second from right. Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer, is at right. Others, all Stewardship Department personnel, are from the left, Rev. John Alexander, director; Rev. Clarence Cutrell, consultant, and Mrs. Shirley Dyess, secretary. Rev. Henderson was attached to the Stewardship Department during his missionary-in-residence term.

Hendersons To Leave Soon To Return To Philippines

NOTE: While on furlough for the past year, Missionary Guy Henderson has been working at the Baptist Building in Jackson, as a member of the staff of the Stewardship Department. He concluded his work there on Friday, May 28. He and his family, who have been living on Coronet Place in Jackson, in Alta Woods Church's missionary house, will leave on June 23 for the Philippines. Guy and Lois Henderson have been employed by the Foreign Mission Board as missionaries for 18 years. He is a native of Forest, Mississippi; she was born at Sinton, Texas.)

Dear Friends,

For the past year it has been my privilege to serve as "Missionary-In-Residence" in Mississippi. This has taken me to most sections of our state and I've come to love and appreciate Mississippi Baptists even more. The warm friendly fellowship will certainly be in our thoughts as we return to the Philippines. For eighteen years I have been on the receiving end of the Cooperative Program. We have appreciated it all the time but to see "from whence it came" adds a new dimension. My appreciation, not only for the program, but for the people behind it has surely been heightened.

It has been a joy working with John Alexander and Clarence Cutrell. This has included an in-depth look at Stewardship, Money Manage-

ment, Church Building Fund Campaign and Associational Stewardship Decision Nights. Church budgets, giving trends, economic factors and Cooperative Program Promotion in general has certainly opened new areas of thought. It has been a real learning experience for me and I believe much of this can be adapted and used on the mission fields. Also, there was a new insight gained in working with pastors and Directors of Associational Missions in our state. This is where the "rubber meets the road" as far as keeping the Cooperative Program pipeline flowing.

Then there is the person who week by week is faithful with his tithes and offerings. This makes you appreciate Mississippi Baptists. I've come to know some who give sacrificially. The task of their church is dear to their heart. They take seriously the commands of our Lord and earnestly seek to be responsible managers of that which their Master has entrusted to them. Surely our state has a marvelous future with unlimited possibilities. As with Jonathan and the lad, "the arrow is beyond thee," so we must keep pressing forward. Sincerely,

W. Guy (and Lois) Henderson
Our address after June 23 will be:
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Makati, Rizal PHILIPPINES

Bethel, Grenada Honors Pastor And Family

On Sunday, May 16 at the morning worship hour, members of Bethel Church, Grenada, a host of friends, and relatives, honored the pastor, Rev. W. B. McDaniels, and his family, with a special surprise program of music and gift presentations. It was the pastor's twelfth anniversary at Bethel. Gifts consisted of a set of stainless tableware for her, and a suit with accessories for him. Leather billfolds were presented to their two sons, Joe and Gary.

Music was by the Kilgore Sisters and Alex Smith. "Brother Mack," as he is lovingly called, was also presented a gift in memory of W. L. Harris, Sr. by his daughter.

Video Cassettes On SBC Will Be Available

For the second time, video cassettes of the Southern Baptist Convention will be available from the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

And churches and agencies with videotape players can take the sights and sounds of the SBC — literally — back to their members. "This should be particularly helpful to churches and agencies who want to study the motions and activities of Convention business sessions more carefully," said Dr. Paul M. Stevens, Commission

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11 Mississippians To Graduate From Southern

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Eleven Mississippi students are among more than 230 students who will receive degrees June 4 from Southern Seminary.

Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, will address the graduates. Routh, who has held the top post at the Executive Committee since 1951, is an alumnus of Oklahoma Baptist University and Southern Seminary.

Seminary president Duke K. McCall will present degrees to graduates from the schools of theology, religious education, and church music.

Graduates from Mississippi are as follows:

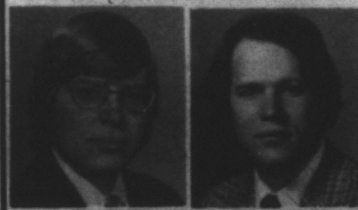
Master of divinity: John William Blanks, Jr., Jackson; Charles W. Boggan, Amory; Marion E. Causey, Jr., Gloster; Doug Kelum, Tutwiler; Riley Holcomb Walker, Pascagoula.

Doctor of philosophy: Thomas McKibbens, Jr., Laurel.

Master of church music: John G. McCall, III, Vicksburg; William Bradley Roberts, Jackson.

Doctor of musical arts: Cleamon R. Downs, Pascagoula.

Master of religious education: David K. Langerfeld, Starkville; John Arthur Temple.



McCall

Langerfeld



Temple

Roberts



Walker

Boggan



Causey

Blanks



McKibbens

Not Pictured:

Downs

Kelum



"NOT RETIRED"—R. G. LEE, 89, internationally known Baptist pastor and preacher of his famous "Payday Someday" sermon breaks from a still active preaching schedule to play ball with Rusty. (BP) Photo by The Commercial Appeal, Memphis, Tenn.

Tolar, Eddleman Participate In Film Translation Project

DALLAS, Texas — The first ever authentic film translation of the entire Holy Scriptures was the subject of a seminar held in Dallas. Bible scholars and theologians from a broad spectrum of evangelical thought contributed to this New Media Bible in a series of work sessions.

The subject of the seminar was The New Media Bible. It was a translation of the entire Bible from the written language into the language of motion pictures — image by image, chapter by chapter, without elaboration. Four years of research and planning by archaeologists, historians, Biblical scholars, and educators has sought to make this New Media Bible a truly faithful illumination of the Biblical narrative of a spokesman said. The words of Dr. Leo Eddleman, President Emeritus of the Criswell Bible Institute, "Very meaningful and correctly done. A way to reach more people with the Gospel."

This Dallas seminar was part of the continuing series of meetings among churchmen in an effort to supply the most up-to-date and informed opinion for inclusion in the complete Bible Teaching

System, which is a part of the whole New Media Bible.

The first 10 film translations from The New Media Bible will be completed in 1976. They cover The Creation, Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Noah and the Flood, the Life of Abraham, the Annunciations, and the Birth of Christ. The first complete Bible Teaching System will be unveiled in a 20-city tour of the country commencing in July, immediately following the Bicentennial observation. Ted Curtas, the National Director of The Genesis Project (and former International Director of the CBMC International) observed that this is a fitting moment to direct the attention of the country back to the Book.

Among the many participants in this week-long study were Dr. William Tolar, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Dr. Tolar, who took part in both Old and New Testament sessions for The Genesis Project concluded, "I am thankful for the opportunity to work with this exciting project. It was a meaningful experience — one I will never forget."



Dr. William Tolar, Southwestern Seminary faculty member, and Dr. Leo Eddleman, president emeritus of the Criswell Bible Institute, participated in the formulation of a film translation of the Bible.

Names In The News

Henry Massengale, Jr. preached his first sermon and was licensed to preach on May 16. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Massengale.

Susan Walters, pianist, and her father, Joe Justin Walters, tenor, former Min-

lanta, will tour to New York on May 27 to perform Beethoven's "Symphony No. 9" and "Missa Solemnis" in Carnegie Hall.

Rev. Roe Wilson, a former



Two Mississippians, Timothy Dwain Rayborn of Jayess and Gary G. Berry, pastor of First Baptist Church, Taylorsville, have been honored by the faculty of the Division of Pastoral Ministries of New Orleans Seminary.

State Finals: Children's Bible Drill, 1976

Pontotoc, First Church, April 26



Group A: CALVARY: Nancy Leigh Moore, Carol Brenner, Sandra Johnson, Robin Davenport, Eric Maloney, David Guyton, Mark Ramsey, Kathy Lyons, Laura Whaley.



Group B: FIRST, HORN LAKE: Margaret M. Walthall. LOCKE STATION: Reggie Bailey, Tammy Russell, Terry Locke, Charlotte Dean, Kris Morrow. FIRST, COFFEEVILLE: Charles Boxx. WEST CORINTH: Bonnie Franks, Kevin Cooley, Jan Young, Kimberly Jo Warren.



Group C: FIRST, BRUCE: Bryan Maddox, Art Spratlin, Clark Logan. SHILOH: John Conrad Wells. DORSEY: Stacy Jean Hawkins, Tracy Gene Hawkins. HILLCREST: Barry Wayne Neal, Temple Yyn Stewart, Bryan T. Henderson. FIRST, TUNICA: David Dean Nowell. WEST JACKSON: Deena Carole Anthony, Teresa Ann Horton. BELDEN: Denise Clayton.



Group D: NEW PROSPECT: Susan Hanna. FIRST, OLIVE BRANCH: Norma Ruth Scott, Sandra Beaver, Donna Brigance, Lynn Pilkinton, Ellen Murley, Steven Kornell. MT. PISGAH: Steve Wilson, Pam Wilson, Mike McKenzie. CHERRY CREEK: Cindy Bolen, Glenise Weatherly, Glen Reeder.



Group F: FRIENDSHIP: Teresa O'Neal, Penny Renee Tribble, Rhonda Griffin, Janet White, Bill Meredith. FIRST, WEST POINT: Benji Taylor, Donna Hill, Cindy Shackelford, Kent Whittington, Alan Taylor. CROWDER: Melody Wiggs, Melanie Griffith.



Group G: ECRU: Leigh McDonald, Benja McDonald, Debbie Moody, Rebecca Anne Willis, Alison Holcomb, Alan Friday. FIRST, EU-PORA: Allen Simpson, Susan Nail, Carla Cain, Laura Wright, Marsha Herrod. HEBRON: Terry C. Brown. WEST END: Paula Bird.

Pictured here are participants in the Children's Bible Drill from three of five state finals conducted during the last week of April. A total of 379 boys and girls, ages 9-11 or in grades 4-6, participated in the Bible Drills this year as compared to 311 record last year. Forty-two of these children received a special medallion-plaque for participation for three years. This special award was available for the first time this year. Materials for the Children's Bible Drill is available in October from the Church Training Department.



Group E: WEST JACKSON: Tracey Bell, Norma Clenin, Tony Aldridge, Felecia Ball, Sherri Cooley, Tina Rea. FIRST, TUPELO: Pattie Lee, Janice Williams, Sondra Simpson, Lloyd Gross, Terry Baker, Kim Weeks.



Group H: FIRST, OXFORD: Rae King, Elizabeth Sartor, Steve Smith. FIRST PONTOTOC: Vicki Munn, Jenna Sewell, Harriet Hale, John Ross, Kelly Luther. WEST HEIGHTS: Angie Gregory. FAIR-HAVEN: Nancy Looney, Debbie Stegall, Darlene Hudson. Group I: (did not have pictures made)

Belzoni, First, April 27



Group T: FIRST, CLINTON: Vince Sparks. GREENFIELD: Istaria Dozier, Becky Higgs, Cindy Furman, Brenda Roberts, Cindy L. Smith, Brenda Reynolds, Marilyn Bishop, Teresa Lynn Pugett, Butch Parks. FIRST, WINONA: Tish Ferguson, Regina Randle, Wiley C. Prewitt.



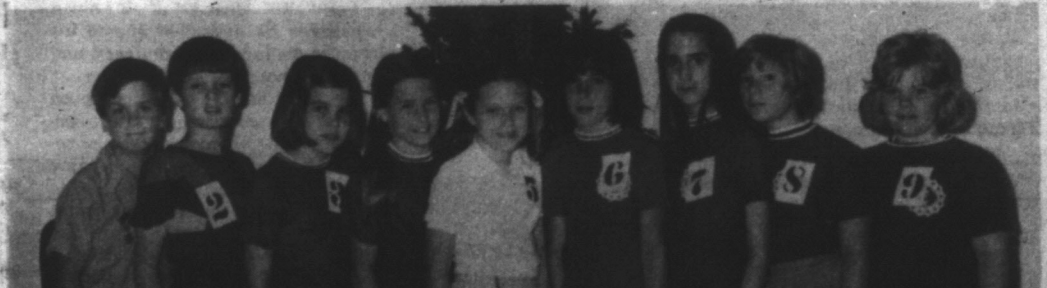
Group W: FIRST, GREENVILLE: Becky Virden, Miriam Wells, Suzanne Renee Paul, Sandra Beach, Frankie Bailey, Lynette Cranford, Laura Landrum, Cindy Dodson.



Group U: IMMANUEL: Todd Owen Watson, Suzy Ellis, Russell G. Robertson. RIVERSIDE: Lisa Brewer. OAKHURST: Robby Wimpigier, Roggie Boone, Larry Guise, Jennifer Green. CALVARY: Monty Hallibarton, Janet Adcock, Bryan Groce, David Thomas Taylor.



Group S: FIRST, BOYLE: David Denley, Shanti Sadler. FIRST, KOSCIUSKO: Frank Janous, Tim Ashcraft, Alicia Sanders. YALE STREET: Karen Still, James Allen Enriquez, Terry Walton, Bethann Still, Gina Sewell, Tess Harper.



Group V: FIRST, GREENVILLE: Lyon Miller, Vickery, Samatha Tewes, Karen Virden, Amy Peters, Joell Kennedy, Walt Massey, Michelle Patin, Mitche Abel, Carey.

Brookhaven, First, April 30



Group J: NEW SIGHT: Stan Wright, Day Wright. FOREST HILL: Lisa Desbien, Lauren Graves, Jan Schaefer, Rachel Irwin. MT. PLEASANT: Edna Mable Jackson, Samuel Monette Jackson. CORINTH: Lisa Walker. WOODLAWN: Amy Ross, Pat Black, Dee Ross.



Group N: WHITESAND: Martha Greene, Dona Williamson, Perry Sorey, Truett Hayman. PLEASANT HILL: Amanda Baker, Kathy Haralson. TRINITY: Judy Rhodes, Yvonne Burnett, Kim Rhodes, Carmen Darlene Yates. TOPISAW: Jess Greer. CALVARY: Dwayne Adams.



Group K: CALVARY: Carol Johns, Cathy Payne, Lauren Lentz. MORGANTOWN: Michelle McLeod. ALTA WOODS: Tommy Nelson, Jeff Taylor, Wayne Williams, Kathleen McCraney.



Group M: FIRST, JACKSON: Leslie Betts, Susan Morris. CENTRAL: Adrian Fairchild. FIRST, CO-LUMBIA: Randy Williams. EAST COLUMBIA: Brenda Clark, Karen Simmons, Kim Rayburn, Lynn Stewart, Rob Barefield, Ed Simmons, Tim Kynard, Fletcher McCool. IMPROVE: Tracey



Group L: FIRST, COLUMBIA: Romney Entekin, Dames Bourne, Karen Malley, Ruth Burkett. PARKWAY: Lana Raymick, Debbie Bates, Angela Baldwin, Julie Joyner, Kim Davis, Bill DePriest, Rob Hyde. PAUL TRUITT: Karla Walker, Tim Smith.

Sunday School Lesson: International

The Church Organizes

By Wm. J. Falls
Acts 6:1-6; Romans 16:1-6;
Ephesians 4:11-16;
1 Timothy 3:1-13

Not even the church can do its work without some kind of organization. Two or three—or more—believers can gather for prayer,

Bible study, and fellowship without organizing. But as soon as someone is chosen as leader; an organization has started. Setting dates for meetings, making plans for finances, arranging classes for new members—all these are signs of organization. Surely there is nothing wrong with organization in itself; it is only the system by which a group of people work together to achieve some goals they all feel are important. As a fellowship of believers in Christ, the church is an organism. But all organisms are organized in themselves to sustain life.

The Lesson Explained
CHURCH OFFICERS AND LEADERS

Below the title for this lesson you can see four Scripture passages suggested as background for the lesson. We will look carefully at only one of these, but if you will look up the others, you will see that each tells about early church officers and leaders. Acts 6:1-6 tells how seven men were chosen to help the twelve apostles; we call them deacons. Romans 16:1-6 mentions Phoebe, the bearer of the letter, and sends greetings to both men and women in the Roman church. Ephesians 4:11-16 lists several leaders with special gifts and declares they are to work together to build up the church. The early church had no "figureheads"; all their leaders had gifts and tasks. Those we might call officers thought of themselves as servants, or workers in behalf of the whole church.

PROFILE OF A PASTOR
(vv. 1-7)

"Bishop" now has a special meaning in certain denominations—an overseer of churches and ministers for a certain area. But Paul meant "pastor"—an overseer or shepherd of a church; he was talking here about two basic church leaders. Verses 2-7 suggest that the pastor's job is as much work as honor, demanding a high level of character and conduct. Of prime importance is his homelife. In an era when polygamy was popular, the pastor should have only one wife. This is the most likely interpretation of the phrase in verse 2. He must also demonstrate leadership in his home. If not, Paul asked, how could he be the overseer of a church?

The pastor should be sober, self-controlled, willing to welcome strangers, and skillful in teaching. Of course, he should not be a drunkard, nor should he love money. He should not be violent or quarrelsome. A new convert ought not to be a pastor because he could easily succumb to pride. He ought to have a good reputation with those outside the church so that he would not be susceptible to all kinds of accusations.

MEASURE OF A DEACON
(vv. 8-13)

Have you noticed that Paul said nothing here about the duties of either pastor or deacon? He was more concerned with their personal characteristics, and it is interesting how similar the two lists are, especially with regard to the leader and his family.

"Grave" in verse 8 means worthy of respect. The next two ideas were probably related to the deacon's responsibility for visiting in the homes of the people. How easy to say one thing to one person and something different to another or twist a bit of gossip between houses! His hosts might offer a glass of hospitality, but the deacon must beware of drinking too much. "They must be men who combine a clear conscience with a firm hold on the deep truths of our faith" (NEB).

Just as a man would not be selected as a pastor without being tested and observed, no man should become a deacon without having won approval by his Christian life-style.

Verse 11 has "women" in the Greek instead of "wives," and it could refer to either deaconesses or the wives of deacons. The qualifications would be the same. Paul concluded: Those who do well as deacons "gain for themselves an honorable standing, and acquire great boldness of speech in their faith in Christ Jesus" (Weymouth).

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Left to right: Johnny Jones, fourth year award, First Church, Coffeeville; Ray Boxx, fourth year award, First, Coffeeville; Sheila Long, fourth year award, Calvary, Tupelo; and Gale Ray, fifth year award, First, Aberdeen.



Bud Edwards, fifth year award, Natasha Edwards, sixth year award, and Talitha Edwards, fourth year award, all from First Church, Grenada



Lynne Glass and Janet Moore, both from Westwood, Meridian

Trophies Awarded In Youth Bible Drills

Trophy winners in the Youth Bible Drill for the first time this year. Fourth year, Fifth

year and Sixth year participants were recognized for their achievement.

Youth who are 12, 13 and 14 years old are eligible to compete

for a spot as Mississippi representative at the Conference Centers, Ridgecrest and Glorieta. Up until this year older youth have not received recognition for participation beyond this age.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Free, Yet Bound

Galatians 5:1-15
By Bill Duncan

In the book Galatians: Freedom Through Christ, the story is told of a little lady who came to America from Eastern Europe. She had lived for years in a land where basic freedoms were denied to the people. Now she was living in a free land, almost within sight of the Statue of Liberty. She was not yet accustomed to traffic in New York City. Returning from grocery shopping, she tried to cross a busy intersection against the traffic light. Someone alerted her from the path of an oncoming bus. He gently said, "Don't cross against the light." As she picked up her groceries and dusted herself off, she was heard to murmur: "Humph, free country indeed!"

We all have freedom as long as we live in accord with our responsibility. Freedom always operates within the context of the rights and needs of others. Therefore, freedom does not mean an individual's right to do whatever he pleases whenever he pleases. Christian freedom is not a license to do as you please.

The way of grace and the way of law are opposite. The man who thinks that he is saved by obedience of the law assumes that something he can do will win the merit of God. Thus, the way of salvation is dependent on human achievements. On the other side, the man who takes the way of grace simply cast himself and his sin upon the mercy and love of God.

The question of circum-

cision came to the Galatians as a puzzle. Paul said if they accept the obligation to live under one part of the law to please God, then they were bound to accept all the other rules and laws as well. To him circumcision was the introduction. After that, man was putting himself under the obligation to the whole law. In this way he turned his back on what Christ had done for him.

To Paul, all that really mattered was faith that worked itself out in love. The essence of religion is not law but a personal relationship to Jesus Christ. When the heart is right toward Jesus Christ, the hands of the body will be under the control of love.

Christ brought into the heart not only freedom from the bondage of sin and guilt, but also freedom from the bondage of legalism. Paul said, as far as to say in verse 4, that religion of salvation by rule keeping actually separates a person from Christ.

To stand fast in one's Christian freedom calls for resistance to every influence that would bring one under a yoke again. This does not mean that the law is valueless, but it does mean that Christ's followers look to Him rather than to the law both for their salvation and for guidance in living.

The thing that really matters is "union with Christ." The apostle was emphasizing that when a person is in a saving relationship with Christ, such matters as circumcision or its absence are of no significance. Faith alone matters, for that is what establishes the saving relationship.

The more closely we are bound to Christ by faith, the less we will be concerned about religious externals. The more we are filled with divine love, the less will the

Prayer Lift
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June 6-12

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June 6
V. D. Whittington, Union Hill
Richard Clement, West Jackson St.

Leflore

Rayford Duck Calvary
Larry Rohman, Greenwood, First

Wilbur Webb, Itta Bena

June 7

M. C. Johnson, Immanuel
L. E. Moon, Minter City, First
Guy Futral Morgan City
Walter Yeldell, North Greenwood
Wayne Griffith, Phillipston

June 8

H. C. Adams, Schlater
Ray Bridges, Sison

Preston Kelly, Riverside

Lincoln

Harold Gartman, Bethel
Frank Leggett, Big Springs

June 9

William Sullivan, Bogue Chitto
P. A. Michel, Brookhaven, First
L. C. Brown, Sr., Brookway
Gerald Ladner, Calvary
Glenn Schilling, Central

June 10

James Marshall, Clear Branch
Robert Hanvey, Easthaven
Danny Watkins, Fair River
Wiley Reid, Friendship

June 11

John Farris, Halbert Heights
R. V. Callender, Harmony
Victor Johnson, Heucks Retreat
Glen McInnis, Holly Springs
Hilton Coward, Little Byalla

June 12

Don Weems, Macedonia
W. E. Derrick, Mission Hill
Cecil Hubbard, Moaks Creek
Fred Bolian, Jr., Montgomery
Larry Barlow, Mt. Moriah

SERVICE TO GOD AND MANKIND

A 22-minute color film entitled "Mississippi College: Service to God and Mankind" is now available for showing around the state. If your church or group is interested, fill out the form below and return to the college.

We are anxious to see the film and would like to reserve it for one of these dates listed in order of preference:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

() We would like for you to send the film to us by mail. We agree to return it to Mississippi College immediately following its use.

() We would like for a representative of the college to bring the film and present it to our people.

Revival Dates

Raymond Road Church, Jackson: June 6-11; services 7:30 nightly; Rev. Bill Duncan, pastor of First Church, Picayune, evangelist; James M. Brown, music director; Rev. Robert McDonald, pastor.

Rehoboth Church (Rankin): Highway 48, north of Pelahatchie; July 11-16; Rev. Henry Bennett, evangelist; Dan Guest, singer; services 7:30 p.m.; dinner at noon on Thursday.

Highland Church, Vicksburg: May 31-June 6; Dr. Rick Ingle, Denton, TX, evangelist; services Tuesday - Friday 12:30 to 12:50 with lunch being served 11:45-12:15; Monday - Saturday services 7:30 p.m.; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Rev. James E. Messer, pastor.

Rehoboth Plans
Homecoming Day

Rehoboth Church (Rankin) will hold a homecoming, Sunday June 13.

There will be a morning service at 11 o'clock, dinner on the grounds and singing at 2 o'clock.

David Hawthorne will speak at the evening service.

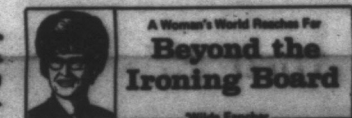
Revival Results

West Heights Baptist Church, Pontotoc: April 25-30; Rev. Jack Gregory, pastor and speaker; Ray Kirk, music director; 12 professions of faith and 11 by letter.

Keeping of external rules be our motivation.

The law of love becomes the controlling force in the life of the believer. A man fulfills the whole law, not by circumcision but by loving his neighbor as himself. This love is a new nature. "Through love be servants of one another." v. 13 RSV

Christ gives a freedom that is guided by the Spirit and bound by love. This love is not self-love that leads to using others as



Some years ago three couples built a huge private lake. Its setting is lovely—each of the family cabins has a naturally and beautifully landscaped yard, acres and acres big. Its seclusion is maintained by distance covered from the main road by private roads kept private by locked gates.

Yet through the years those dirt roads have had little tall grass growing in them. Wheeled vehicles carrying happy campers, skiers, and fishermen in and out of the refuge became mowers in their passing.

For, beyond immediate families, the owners of the lake and grounds made loan of the keys to other relations and friends. James is one of the blessed nephews, and for years he has "owned" all the joys of that special place. He's fished in its beamed beds, swum in its cooling wetness, listened to its night sounds, blistered in its sun, rested in its silence, looked at its peace, carried its memories with him until he could go back the next time.

Our boys have done the same, and now Nan, our daughter-in-law, has fallen in love with that special place, too. It's a special place to many people.

It's a special place because of the joys we all feel while we're there and because of the fun we have there and because of the remembering being there. But it's special to us for another reason. It makes us feel special to be there—to be recipients in a love that caused Auntie and Uncle W. D. and Mary Velma and Fish to let us be sharers in the abundance there. It's a special place because it has been shared with so many. It would take a while to list all the people around the world who have memories of being there or who have had a "mess of fish" caught there.

It's a special place because it has been such a blessing. Some-



First, Nettleton Dedicates Building

Taking part in the special program May 2 for dedication of the new multi-purpose building at the Nettleton, First Baptist Church, were, left to right, Frank Simmons, activities director of Harrisburg Church in Tupelo, guest speaker; Rev. William P. Smith, pastor of the church; Ray Burke, minister of music and activities director of First, Amory, and his wife, Beckie, who presented special music; and Mrs. Bruce Atkinson of Amory, the Burkes' accompanist.



Present Sunday afternoon, May 2, for the dedication of the new educational and recreational building at First Church, Nettleton, were left to right, Ben Coggins, Thomas Dodd, and Glyn Hester, members of the building committee; and Rev. William Smith, pastor. Not pictured are J. O. Cook and Bobby Smith, members of the building committee.



Boyle Breaks Ground

Ground-breaking ceremonies recently were held by First Baptist Church of Boyle for two new educational buildings. These new buildings will include classrooms, church offices, conference room, fellowship hall, and kitchen. The approximate cost of this addition is \$100,000.00.

Joe Wayne Reed, chairman of the Building committee turned the first shovel of dirt as members of the church looked on. The building committee includes Mrs. S. I. Gregory, Mrs. Stanley F. Gaines, Joe Wayne Reed, W. J. Sumrall, Bryn Bright, Brown Ryle, Jr. and Fred Evans, Jr. Ernest Sadler is pastor.



Mt. Zion To Construct Education Building

Mt. Zion Church of Independence (Tate County) broke ground May 2 for an education building, to house pre-school and youth departments. It will be a two-story brick and masonry building and will care for about 200 people. Mt. Zion has averaged 296 in Sunday School for the church year and the last two months has averaged 325. The Church Training program has averaged 185 for the church year and the last two months has averaged 202.

A contract was signed with John J. Helrigs Construction Company of Memphis, Tennessee for \$145,856.00. Work has already begun on the building and the target date for completion is around the first of October. James W. McCleskey of Hattiesburg is the architect.

The building committee was composed of the following, left to right, above: Mrs. L. W. Turner, Mrs. Harry Walker, Howard Thompson, Mrs. Modena Scruggs, Rev. Roy Myers, pastor, Howard Jamison, chairman, Felix McElhane, and Mrs. William Allison.

Sharkey-Issaquena Churches To Send Missionaries To Montana

Rev. and Mrs. Marshall Lynch will be summer missionaries in Harding, Montana, supported and sponsored by churches of Sharkey-Issaquena Association. Marshall (Humby) Lynch is a graduate of Mississippi College, and Denise is a second-semester junior at Mississippi College. They will spend the summer in Harding, under the supervision of Missionary W. J. Hughes, doing general mission work and working toward the establishment of Baptist work.

Marshall is the son of Dr. and Mrs. R. H. F. Lynch of Rolling Fork. His family has been active in the First Baptist Church there for some time. Denise is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Goodman of Holly Bluff, members of the Holly Bluff Baptist Church.

After the summer, the Lynchs plan to continue their education at Southwestern Seminary and Texas Christian University.

Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Rolling Fork is Rev. R. E. Kyzar. Rev. Aubrey Jones pastor of the Holly Bluff Baptist Church.



Rev. and Mrs. Marshall Lynch

Union (Lincoln) Plans Homecoming

Union Church (Lincoln County) located 13 miles east of Brookhaven, will observe home-



Celebrating 50th Anniversary At Carey

Eleven members of the graduating class of 1926 of Mississippi Woman's College, forerunner of William Carey College, gathered with other graduates of the college for the third annual Woman's College Luncheon held May 15. Shown above looking at the 1926 Pine Burr, the college yearbook, are, front row from left, Mrs. Nanette Patterson Jacobs; Mrs. Roberta Thompson Holloway; Mrs. Madeline McCann Ferrell, Class President; and Mrs. Ruth Douglas Lay. Back row from left, Mrs. Florene Buckley McGee; Mrs. Mattie Rhinehart Boyd; Mrs. Ada Mae Landrum Young; Mrs. Edna Ball Turner; Mrs. Bessie Turner Bates, member of the Luncheon Planning Committee; Mrs. Hattie Causey Kuykendall; and Mrs. Clemis Pickering Davis. Mrs. Holloway traveled the longest distance to the luncheon, coming from New York City.



East Pleasant Grove, Quitman, Breaks Ground

East Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Quitman, had a ground breaking April 18 for a parsonage. Among those present were from left to right, Mrs. Evie Lucas, oldest member present; Mrs. Estelle Cooper, member of building committee; Bob Mars, member of committee; Lavaughn Christian, member of committee, chairman of deacons, and church clerk; Vernon Lucas, chairman of building committee; Rev. T. E. Williams, pastor; Mrs. T. E. Williams; Ms. Virginia Ivey, church treasurer; Mrs. Louise McCarey, member of the committee; and Rev. L. D. Ogle, former pastor. The land for the parsonage was donated to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Earl McCarey. The contracted cost of the parsonage is \$28,000.00.

coming day on Sunday, June 13.

The morning worship service will be at 11 o'clock, followed by dinner on the grounds and singing. An offering will be taken at the afternoon service for the upkeep of the cemetery.

Smyrna Homecoming

Homecoming will be observed at Smyrna Church, Hazlehurst, on June 6. Rev. Clyde Pullen, pastor, states that dinner will be served on the grounds but there will be no afternoon service.

A special offering will be taken for cemetery upkeep.

Grandview, Pearl, To Observe Homecoming

Grandview Baptist Church, 900 South Pearson Road, Pearl, has designated June 6th, as a day of homecoming.

Morning services will be conducted by Grandview's first pastor, Rev. Gordon Shambarger. Following dinner on the ground, which will begin at 12 noon, there will be a time to fellowship. Singing under the direction of Grandview's music director, Mrs. Lynn Weems, will begin at 2 and continue until approximately 3:30.

Grandview was organized on June 12, 1960.



New Miss MC

Margaret Anne Jones, Sophomore from Brookhaven (left) receives her crown as the new Miss Mississippi College after winning the title in the 11th annual Miss Mississippi College Pageant held at the college. Miss Jones, daughter of Mrs. Jerry H. Jones of Brookhaven, will now represent the college in the Miss Mississippi Pageant scheduled for Vicksburg this summer. She receives her crown from the retiring title holder, Miss Ellen Strubling of Clinton. Anne captured the title over 22 other contestants. Melanie Leigh Taylor of Grenada was first runner-up. (M. C. Photo by Ronnie Killebrew)

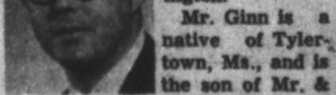


Louisiana College Speaker

Dr. Robert Hamblin (left), pastor of Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo, was a featured speaker at the recent Louisiana Baptist Associational Leadership Conference at Louisiana College in Pineville, La. He and Milton Williams, a Louisiana pastor, enjoy a coffee break during the two-day session. Dr. Hamblin spoke to the associational evangelism leaders during the 5 1/2 hours of clinical sessions.

Sherman Pastor Accepts Spokane, Wash., Mission

Rev. Bendon Ginn has resigned as pastor of the Sherman Baptist Church, and has accepted the call to serve as mission pastor to the Pasadena Park Mission in Spokane, Wash.



Mrs. Sedgie Ginn. He is a graduate of William Carey College and New Orleans Seminary. He is married to Dorothy Sumrall of Greenville, Ms. They have two daughters, Maria and Melissa, ages 5 and 3.

Other pastores have included Trinity Baptist Church, Moscow, Idaho; Enon Baptist in Jayess, Ms. and Sauls Valley Baptist Church, Monticello, Ms.

Mr. Ginn has been approved by the Home Mission Board for church pastoral aid in the amount of \$600 per month. The balance of his salary has been pledged by churches and individuals in Mississippi.

New address is North 6018 Audubon, Spokane, Washington 99208

Devotional

What Have I To Do With Idols?

By J. B. Miller, Pastor, First, Carthage

Isaiah 44:9-20

Idolatry was the great sin of Israel. When we speak of idols, we are not necessarily talking about blocks of wood or a golden calf. Neither do you have to go down to the street corner to find them. You can stay where you are and look into your own heart and you shall find idols there. Our nature is one easily besetting sin. The essence of idolatry is to love anything more than God, to trust anything more than God, to wish to have a God other than we have in some form or the other. This great sin is the main mischief in the heart of man. There must be a work of grace in the lives of men before they will turn from their idols and say, "What have I to do with idols?"

I. What we are told about idols. Ephraim had turned his back upon the Lord and gone his own way. This is why man needs a Saviour. He would not trust the providence of God. Ephraim felt that he must have something of visible substance to lean upon. Many people turn to idols for their strength. In these ways we too are guilty; in turning away from the Lord we have put our trust for salvation in human strength, in self-effort and in idols of intellectualism that leaves out God. We are guilty of relying upon these things for our acceptance before God, but they are all false and cannot save us. This incurs the wrath of God upon us.

II. What we are told about "The Lord." He sees and knows our true state. Our Lord loves us and longs for us to return to Him so that He may forgive us. This is the great message of our wonderful Saviour. He wants to heal us and restore us into fellowship with Himself. Sin hurts us but God waits and wants to heal us. How wonderful that He should love us freely. This, then, is our God, the God against whom we have sinned. What is He like? He knows all about us. He loves us and longs for us to return to Him that he may forgive us and heal us and restore us into full fellowship with himself. Now finally consider the Resolute Question, "What have I to do any more with idols?" Look what sin has done for us already. It made the Garden of Eden a wilderness and made us to be children of toil and sorrow. What has it done for us? It has stripped us of our beauty. Sin has wounded us, spoiled us, killed us. Sin has brought disease in the world. Sin nailed Jesus on the cross. Nothing separates a man from sin like a sense of love and the suffering of Jesus.

"Soon as faith the Lord can see, Bleeding on a cross for me, Quick my idols all depart, Jesus gets and fills my heart."

How worthwhile it is for anyone to walk in the ways of the Lord and keep near His Master and say, "What have I to do any more with idols?"

Tchula Pastor Plans Grenada Bible Conference

Rev. Clayton C. Bath, pastor of First Baptist, Tchula, will lead a Bible Conference on the island of Grenada in the West Indies in July. He is going at the invitation of missionary Manget Herrin and the SBC Foreign Mission Board.

Individuals of the church at Tchula are sponsoring Rev. Bath and his wife, Eleanor, for the mission trip. The couple's two children, Diana and Stephen, are to accompany their parents on the trip.

Manget and Elaine Herrin went to the island of Grenada in August 1974 to open Southern Baptist work there for the first time. They were previously assigned to Guyana, South America. Mrs. Herrin is the twin sister to Mrs. Bath.



"Davis Day" At Carey Commencement

Proud parents of Nan and David Davis, above, help with last minute grooming prior to 5 PM's annual graduation exercises, May 15, in Thomas Hall. Furloughing missionaries, Ralph and Joyce Davis, (both Carey alumni) couldn't be prouder. David was graduated Summa Cum Laude, with a straight 4.0 academic average, first in his class and first in the history of the college! Nan was graduated Cum Laude, having won the Outstanding Elementary Education award. The two Davis children grew up in West Africa where their parents have served as Southern Baptist missionaries for over twenty years. Looking on is Richard Davis, Nan's husband (also a Carey alumnus) now serving as Minister of Youth at First Baptist Church, Poplarville. The name "Davis" is the same — and sometimes very difficult to explain!

Sarepta Pastor To Mark 10th Year

Sunday, June 6, will mark the beginning of Rev. Paul Parker's eleventh year as pastor of Sarepta Church.

Rev. Richard Pass, associational missionary for the Adams-Union Association and also working with the Franklin Association in a foster program, will be the speaker for the morning service.

During the past ten years the Sarepta Church has added a baptistry, a kitchen, new pews and pulpit furniture, placed carpet in the auditorium and nursery, placed air-conditioning and heating in the auditorium and education department, and added two rest rooms. They now have a tape ministry for all of the shut-in members of the church. Hundreds of "Bearing Precious Seed New Testaments" have been given away and the church is in the process of having plans drawn for a new four-bedroom pastor's home.

Sarepta will celebrate her 100th homecoming services on July 25.

MC Breakfast Planned At SBC

CLINTON — All Mississippi College alumni attending the Southern Baptist Convention in Norfolk, Va., June 15-17, are invited to a complementary breakfast prior to the Wednesday morning session, June 16.

The continental breakfast will be served between 7:30 and 9 a.m. at the Holiday Inn-SCOPE adjacent to the Convention Center. No formal program is planned.

Wayside, Scobey, Calls Kilgore

Wayside Church, Scobey, has called Rev. Larry Kilgore, as pastor. He comes from Coward Church, Charleston, where he served for 4 years.

He is married to the former Diane Fedric, of Grenada, and they have 2 children, Jason and Eric.

Wayside welcomed them with a surprise grocery pounding.